TRADE ROUTES OF COASTAL IBERIA
ABOARD M.S. LE LYRIAL

WITH DIANA SORENSEN, DEAN OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

October 25–November 2, 2016
CRUISE THE ANCIENT TRADE ROUTES OF PHOENICIAN, ROMAN, AND MOORISH MARINERS aboard the five-star small ship M.S. LE LYRIAL on this comprehensive itinerary to the coastal jewels of the Iberian Peninsula.

The exclusively chartered M.S. LE LYRIAL exemplifies the advantages of five-star small ship cruising: elegant accommodations, an exclusive itinerary carefully crafted with a specially arranged excursion in each port, the ability to dock in small ports of call inaccessible to larger vessels, and no long lines for tenders and touring. The state-of-the-art M.S. LE LYRIAL features only 110 suites and staterooms with distinctive French sophistication. Travel in style while enjoying the unique opportunity to cruise into the heart of Seville on Spain’s legendary Guadalquivir River.

En route from Barcelona to Lisbon, visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites and Portugal’s lesser-traveled Algarve region. Call on the enchanting Balearic Island of Palma de Mallorca. Enjoy the colorful, historic city of Valencia and walk through its spectacular La Lonja de la Seda, a 15th-century silk exchange and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the regal city of Granada and tour the magnificent Alhambra Palace, another UNESCO World Heritage site. Stand on Gibraltar’s “Top of the Rock” to see the Pillars of Hercules spanning the scenic Strait of Gibraltar. Experience the spectacular sights that inspired works by Gaudí and Picasso, and enjoy the joyful beat of flamenco. Onboard lectures will enhance your journey with the history, legends, and modern life of these beautiful cities and villages.

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Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See General Information section.

FLOURISHING CULTURES ALONG IBERIA’S HISTORIC TRADE ROUTES AND THE AGE OF DISCOVERY are showcased on this voyage to fortified medieval towns and modern cities that retain the artistic and architectural treasures from centuries past. Previous exposure to the Greeks and Romans, as well as the diverse Moorish, Jewish, and Christian cultures, led to great leaps forward in mathematics, medicine, optics, horticulture, art, and architecture. This blossoming of knowledge and talent was the impetus behind the Golden Age of Discovery, when ships sailed from these shores to the New World. These voyages brought back riches to Iberia, which created great wealth amidst the unique mélange of cultures, giving rise to the art, architecture, and distinctly Mediterranean tradition of savoring life in the idyllic seaside cities, towns, and villages you will experience.
**U.S./BARCELONA, SPAIN**

Depart the U.S. for Barcelona on Tuesday and arrive on Wednesday. The lively quarters of Barcelona’s beautiful Mediterranean metropolis are filled with the artistic treasures of Antoni Gaudí, Pablo Picasso, and Salvador Dalí. The city center has the greatest concentration of Gothic architecture in Europe and proudly displays its heritage and roots as a Roman trading port. Embark the m.s. Le Lyrial Wednesday afternoon. 

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27**

**PALMA DE MALLORCA, BALEARIC ISLANDS**

Enjoy a scenic drive past the almond tree groves that are characteristic of Palma en route to the village of Valldemossa, where you will visit the famous Carthusian Monastery, a former residence of composer Frédéric Chopin. Enjoy a recital of Chopin’s masterpieces on his own piano, performed by a local musician. Later, visit the famous 14th-century Gothic Bellver Castle, one of the few concentric castles in Europe, rising 450 feet above Palma. See the magnificent sandstone Palma Cathedral; constructed over 300 years starting in 1230, it represents the height of Catalan Gothic architecture. 

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28**

**VALENCIA**

Located on the Costa del Azahar (Orange Blossom Coast) of Spain, the sunny city of Valencia was founded as a Roman colony in 138 BC amidst a fertile plain of orange groves. Enjoy a walking tour along the historic cobblestone streets of its colorful city center featuring a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated La Lonja de la Seda (Silk Exchange), a masterpiece of splendid Gothic architecture built in the 15th century. Visit the elaborate

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**GRANADA, ANDALUSIA/MOTRIL**

Granada is scenically located atop three hills framed by the dramatic backdrop of the snow-clad Sierra Nevada Mountains. From here, monarchs of the Nasrid dynasty ruled for 250 years over the last Moorish kingdom in Spain, leaving a priceless architectural legacy— the magnificent Alhambra, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk through its outer precincts, admire the genius of medieval Moorish craftsmen within, then stroll through the beautifully landscaped Generalife gardens. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. 

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

**GI'BALTAR, BRITISH CROWN COLONY**

The southernmost tip of the Iberian Peninsula, Gibraltar was considered by the ancient Greeks and Romans to be one of the two Pillars of Hercules that marked the boundary of the known world, the second being Jebel Moussa, the mountain across the strait. Drive to the “Top of the Rock,” the 1,400-foot-high limestone promontory guarding the Strait of Gibraltar, which separates Europe and Africa. Enjoy a scenic view from Europa Point and visit the Great Siege Tunnels, excavated by British army engineers in the late 18th century to provide for the defense of the colony. Observe up close the amusing antics of Barbary macaques, the only colony of wild monkeys in Europe, and see the impressive geological wonders in St. Michael’s Cave. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Casemates Square in Gibraltar’s city center.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**SEVILLE, ANDALUSIA, SPAIN**

Be on deck for the unique experience of cruising into the heart of extraordinary Seville, Andalusia’s lively capital, on the Guadalquivir River. Drive through the historic city center, lined with typical Sevillana houses, to see the neoclassical Maestranza bullring—the largest in Spain—and the Golden Tower, a remnant of Seville’s Moorish fortifications. Stroll through Maria Luisa Park and the impressive Plaza de España, built for the Ibero-American Exposition of 1929. Continue through Santa Cruz, the old Jewish quarter, where you will find a gleaming maze of white houses, flower-filled patios, and orange trees lining the checkered stone streets.

Tour the legendary Alcázar, a UNESCO World Heritage site featuring the distinctive 14th-century Mudéjar-style former residence of Seville’s Moroccan and Spanish rulers. The city’s magnificent cathedral is a classic example of late Gothic architecture and is Europe’s...
OCTOBER 23–26
BARCELONA, SPAIN
PRE-CRUISE OPTION
$995 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
$1,395 SINGLE OCCUPANCY
Explore the heart of Barcelona, a former Roman trading port originally named “Barcino” and today the capital city of Catalonia. Enjoy a panoramic tour featuring the Gothic Quarter, Barcelona’s original old city. See Antoni Gaudí’s Casa Milà and visit the incomparable Basílica de la Sagrada Familia, both UNESCO World Heritage sites. Spend a full day exploring Catalonia’s multi-peaked Montserrat mountain, including the Benedictine monastery of Santa María and its 16th-century basilica. Accommodations are for two nights in the ideally located, five-star majestic Hotel and spa Barcelona.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
PORTIMÃO, THE ALGARVE, PORTUGAL/LAGOS
On Portugal’s charming, sun-washed southern coast, in the historic province of Algarve, lies Portimão. Settled in ancient times by the Phoenicians and Romans, the Algarve was later ruled by the Moors, and today its Moorish heritage survives in its distinctive architecture and savory regional cuisine. During the 15th and 16th centuries, intrepid Portuguese mariners, including Vasco da Gama, set sail from the Algarve’s shores on voyages of discovery that eventually circled the globe before triumphantly returning to Lisbon. Stroll through the scenic port town of Lagos, once the center of trade between Moorish Portugal and Africa. Admire the Baroque Church of St. Anthony, with its stunning interior of gilded, carved wood, and enjoy free time to explore this former Algarve capital.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
LISBON/ U.S.
Lisbon’s rich cultural heritage is reflected in its well-preserved palaces, magnificent churches, and impressive castle. Disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for your return flight.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:
• Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by Harvard Professor Diana Sorensen and additional experts
• Seven-night cruise aboard the small ship m.s. LE LYRIAL
• Complimentary nonalcoholic and alcoholic beverages throughout the cruise
• Opportunities to visit up to six UNESCO World Heritage sites
• Unique cruise into the heart of Seville
• Visit to the British Crown Colony of Gibraltar, featuring the “Top of the Rock” and the Great Siege Tunnels
• Spacious, 100% ocean-view five-star accommodations
• Captain’s welcome and farewell receptions
• All activities, excursions, entrance fees and meals per detailed itinerary
• Taxes and gratuities to drivers, guides, and ship personnel
• Services of a tour manager throughout the program
• Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
• Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
• $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance

NOVEMBER 2–4
LISBON, PORTUGAL
POST-CRUISE OPTION
$595 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
$795 SINGLE OCCUPANCY
Lisbon enchants travelers with its ruggedly beautiful shoreline along the Atlantic Ocean, its dramatic cityscape of 18th-century white limestone buildings, and its well-preserved medieval monuments. Visit Jerónimos Monastery, part of a UNESCO World Heritage site, which honors the expeditions of Vasco da Gama, and see Belém Tower and the grandiose Monument to Discoveries. Enjoy a tour of the charming village of Sintra, known as the Portuguese Versailles. Accommodations for two nights are in the ideally located, deluxe Dom Pedro Palace Hotel.

Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
**YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION:** 2015  
**OVERALL LENGTH:** 466 feet

**AMENITIES**  
This exclusively chartered ship offers 110 suites and staterooms (200 to 592 square feet). Each has a private bathroom with a shower or bathtub, two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, wireless Internet access, minibar with complimentary beverages, and baggage insurance; gratuities to hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; transfers and baggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group series are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. HAA Travels and the tour operator are not responsible therefore and are not required to compensate passengers under these circumstances. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual. Airfare and currency exchange rates in effect at the time of brochure printing and are subject to change. While the tour operator will do everything possible to maintain the published trip price, it may be necessary to institute a surcharge.

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